

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A shoe comprising:
an upper;
a midsole coupled to said upper;
an outsole fastened to said midsole; and
a spinner element rotatably mounted to at least one of said upper and said midsole, for free rotation in a plane of rotation substantially parallel to said one of said upper and said midsole at a point of attachment of said spinner element to said one of said upper and said midsole.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The shoe defined in claim [[2]] 1 wherein said spinner element includes a hub and a plurality of arms or spokes radiating from said hub.

4. (original) The shoe defined in claim 3 wherein said spinner element is rotatably mounted to said one of said upper and said midsole via said hub.

5. (original) The shoe defined in claim 4 wherein said spinner element is rotatably mounted to said one of said upper and said midsole via a pin projecting from said one of said upper and said midsole, said pin traversing a hole in said hub.

6. (original) The shoe defined in claim 5 wherein said spinner element has a cruciform shape.

7. (original) The shoe defined in claim 6 wherein said arms or spokes each have a flattened or planar configuration.

8. (original) The shoe defined in claim 4 wherein said spinner element is mounted to said midsole at a point below an ankle opening of said upper.

9. (original) The shoe defined in claim 4 wherein said spinner element is mounted to said upper along a vertically oriented portion thereof.

10. (original) The shoe defined in claim 1 wherein said spinner element includes a hub and a plurality of arms or spokes radiating from said hub.

11. (original) The shoe defined in claim 10 wherein said spinner element is rotatably mounted to said one of said upper and said midsole via said hub.

12. (original) The shoe defined in claim 11 wherein said spinner element is rotatably mounted to said one of said upper and said midsole via a pin projecting from said one of said upper and said midsole, said pin traversing a hole in said hub.

13. (original) The shoe defined in claim 10 wherein said arms or spokes each have a flattened or planar configuration.

14. (original) The shoe defined in claim 1 wherein said spinner element has a cruciform shape.

15. (original) The shoe defined in claim 1 wherein said spinner element is mounted to said midsole at a point below an ankle opening of said upper.

16. (original) The shoe defined in claim 1 wherein said spinner element is mounted to said upper along a vertically oriented portion thereof.

17. (new) A shoe comprising:
an upper; and
an outsole fastened at least indirectly to said upper,
a spinner element being mounted to the shoe so as to freely rotate in response to shoe movement or in response to a torque temporarily applied to the spinner element.

18. (new) A shoe comprising:
an upper;
an outsole fastened at least indirectly to said upper; and
a pin,

a spinner element being loosely mounted to the shoe via said pin, for free or unconstrained rotation about said pin.